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SUBJECT: SALT - GUIDANCE ON PUBLIC HANDLING OF ABM
TREATY AND INTERIM OFFENSIVE AGREEMENT

1. POSTS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY, AND MAY DRAW UPON, KISSINGER PRESS BRIEFING 9S#1 (SENT SEPTTEL), FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING TWO SALT AGREEMENTS (TES#XTS BEING SENT SEPTELS). POINTS IN OTHER PARAS THIS MESSAGE MAY BE ALSO BE DRAWN UPON AS USEFUL. WE RECOGNIZE, OF COURSE, THAT SOME OF THESE POINTS MAY BE MORE USEFUL FOR SOME POSTS THAN FOR OTHERS. OUR AIM IS MAXIMUM POSITIVE RESPONSE.

2. SALT AGREEMENTS (ABM TREATY AND INTERIM AGREEMENT LIMITING NUMBER OF OFFENSIVE STRATEGIC MISSILES FOR FIVE YEARS) ARE CLOSELY [] YEARS ARE CLEARLY CAPSTONE OF PRESIDENT'S JOURNEY FOR PEACE TO MOSCOW. THESE AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED DESPITE DIFFERENCES IN OTHER AREAS OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE USSR, AND ARE EVIDENCE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS MAKING CONCRETE PROGRESS TOWARDS BUILDING A GENERATION OF PEACE.

3. ABM TREATY AND INTERIM OFFENSIVE AGREEMENT LEAVE US IN SOUND STRATEGIC POSITION; THEY ENHANCE WORLD SECURITY BY CURBING THE MOMENTUM OF SOVIET STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENTS. INDEED, THEY WERE ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF US STRENGTH.

4. THE TWO AGREEMENTS ARE A FIRST STEP. THERE ARE STILL DYNAMIC ELEMENTS IN THE STRATEGIC EQUATION. THE

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AGREEMENTS PROVIDE A BASIS FOR CONTINUING TO NEGOTIATE TO BRING THESE ELEMENTS UNDER CONTROL; BOTH SIDES ARE PLEDGED TO DO THIS.

5. TOGETHER WE AND THE USSR HAVE TAKEN AN UNPRECEDENTED STEP TO CONTROL THE STRATEGIC ARMS RACE, AND IN RECOGNIZING THAT OUR SECURITY IS INTERDEPENDENT--THAT IT CAN BE ENHANCED BY COOPERATION, AND THAT UNCONSTRAINED COMPETITION IS NOT IN THE SOVIET INTEREST JUST AS IT IS NOT IN OURS.

6. HOWEVER, WE STILL NEED TO MAINTAIN THE STRENGTH OF OUR STRATEGIC POSTURE, AND THERE SHOULD BE NO MISTAKE--WE SHALL DO SO. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE DETERMINED TO SEEK FURTHER MUTUAL CURBS ON STRATEGIC ARMS.

7. THE SUCCESS OF SALT BENEFITS NOT ONLY THE US AND ITS PEOPLE, BUT PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. THESE ACHIEVEMENTS DEMONSTRATE THE VALIDITY OF THE BASIC PREMISE OF THE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY: SUFFICIENT STRENGTH COMBINED WITH A WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE, ENABLE US TO SEEK--AND REACH--AGREEMENTS WHICH CAN ENSURE A MORE STABLE WORLD AND A LASTING PEACE.

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